

father of internationally renowned artist R. C. Gorman was president of the Navajo Code Talkers Association before his death in 1998.

Gorman, struggling to find the last five of the original 29 code talkers, said plans are being completed with the White House for the award ceremony. Another ceremony later in the summer on the Navajo Nation will honor nearly 400 other Navajo Code Talkers with silver medals.

Lapahie's Web site includes rare, original letters concerning creation of the code and his father's original maps from World War II in the Pacific, along with recognition from Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.

Bingaman introduced legislation in April 2000 and pressed Congress to honor Navajo Code Talkers with gold and silver medals. The bill was signed into law Dec. 21, 2000, and the U.S. Mint began designing the special gold and silver medals.

"It has taken too long to properly recognize these soldiers, whose achievements have been obscured by twin veils of secrecy and time. As they approach the final chapter of their lives, it is only fitting that the nation pay them this honor," Bingaman said.

Another secret is revealed in the House bill that describes the code kept secret for 23 years and declassified in 1968.

"Some code talkers were guarded by fellow Marines, whose role was to kill them in case of imminent capture by the enemy."

There are also the names of others who did not live long enough to be recognized, young Navajos who died in combat in Okinawa, Guam, Iwo Jima and other on far away shores and hilltops.

Navajo Code Talkers killed in action were Paul Begay, Johnson Housewood, Peter Johnson, Jimmy Kelly Sr., Paul Kinlachcheeny, Leo Kirk, Ralph Morgan, Sam Morgan, Willie Notah, Tom Singer, Alfred Tsosie, Harry Tsosie and Howard Tsosie.

In the Web tribute to his father, Lapahie says Navajos have been warriors time and again since they signed the Treaty of 1868 with the United States.

"When the United States entered World War II in 1941, the Navajos again left the canyons, plains and mesas of their reservation homes to join the armed forces and played a crucial role in such combat arenas as Guadalcanal, Saipan, Bougainville, Tinian, Anzio, Salerno, Normandy, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, and countless other bloody islands and forgotten battlefields."

More than 3,600 young Navajo men and women joined the armed forces during World War II.

"Proportionately, that figure represents one of the highest percentages of total population in the armed service of any ethnic group in the United States."

Lapahie's Web site includes his father's translation of the Marine Corps Hymn into Navajo and a letter from the president of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Lt. Gen. Ron Christmas writes of an upcoming print honoring the Navajo Code Talkers and notes Lapahie's translation of the corps hymn.

In remembering his father, Harry said, "There is a story when Dad was strolling on one of the islands, and went into a Japanese military site."

"Yet he was untouched because the Japanese thought that he was Japanese!"

Harry's father died in his Los Angeles apartment Nov. 26, 1985, and is buried near Aztec, N.M., not far from the Ute Boarding School in Ignacio, Colo., he attended as a child where he learned his baking skills.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 27

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on H.R. 308, to establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission; and H.R. 309, to provide for the determination of withholding tax rates under the Guam income tax.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To continue hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices.

SD-538

JULY 30

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the rising use of the drug ecstasy, focusing on ways the government can combat the problem.

SD-342

1 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on the nomination of Robert S. Mueller III, of California, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SH-216

JULY 31

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on the implementation of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, focusing on urban Indian Health Care Programs.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine early detection and early health screening issues.

SD-430

Finance

To hold hearings on the nomination of Robert C. Bonner, to be Commissioner of Customs, and Rosario Marin, to be Treasurer of the United States, both of California, both of the Department of

the Treasury; the nomination of Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., of Utah, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative; and the nomination of Alex Azar II, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and the nomination of Janet Rehnquist, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Vincent Martin Battle, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon; the nomination of Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; the nomination of Edmund James Hull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen; the nomination of Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait; the nomination of Theodore H. Kattouf, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic; and the nomination of Maureen Quinn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine asbestos issues.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Communications Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine spectrum management and third generation wireless.

SR-253

Appropriations

Military Construction Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2002 for MILCON budget overview, defense agency, and Army construction.

SD-138

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy shipbuilding programs.

SR-222

4 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings the nomination of Robert Geers Loftis, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho; and the nomination of Joseph Gerard Sullivan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

SD-419

AUGUST 1

9 a.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the business of environmental technology.

SR-428A

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine trade issues.

SR-253

Armed Services

To hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general

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- and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force. SD-106
- Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider energy policy legislation and other pending calendar business. SD-366
- 10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Business meeting to consider proposed legislation entitled The Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention (STOP STROKE) Act of 2001; the proposed Community Access to Emergency Defibrillation (Community AED) Act of 2001; the proposed Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2001; S. 543, to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits; and S. 838, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children. SD-430
- Judiciary
Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 989, to prohibit racial profiling. SD-226
- 2 p.m.
Judiciary
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 1233, to provide penalties for certain unauthorized writing with respect to consumer products. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the nomination of John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board; the nomination of Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and the nomination of Nancy Victory, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and the nomination of Otto Wolff, to be an Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, both of Virginia, both of the Department of Commerce. SR-253
- Appropriations
Military Construction Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2002 for Navy construction and Air Force construction. SD-138
- AUGUST 2
- 9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-253
- Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider energy policy legislation. SD-366
- 10 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 212, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act. SR-485
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings on the nomination of John Lester Henshaw, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. SD-430
- Judiciary
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226
- 2:30 p.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold joint hearings to examine the effect of energy policies on consumers. SH-216
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings on the nomination of John A. Gauss, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; the nomination of Claude M. Kicklighter, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-418
- SEPTEMBER 19
- 2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings on S. 702, for the relief of Gao Zhan. SD-226